

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1-25 is noted, with thanks. Claims 13, 15, 18, 19 and 21 have been amended to eliminate "means" language and operation of 35 USC § 112(6).

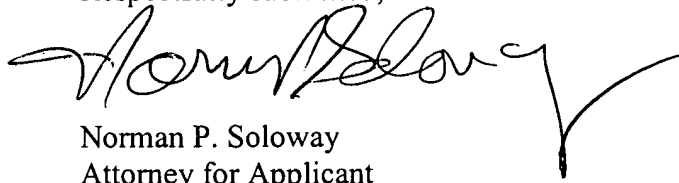
The title has been amended to correct a minor typographical error and to better describe the invention, as required by the Examiner. The specification has been amended to employ more idiomatic English.

No new matter has been entered by any of the foregoing amendments.

All of the objections raised by the Examiner have been addressed. Thus, issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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